

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 88-104 will be pending upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment. General support for these process claims is found in original Claims 46-53. Specific support for these claims is found as follows: Claims 88-90 (Claims 46-47, page 2, last paragraph), Claims 91-97 (page 13, last two lines-page 14, lines 1-15), Claims 98-99 (page 9), Claims 100-101 (pages 18-19), and Claims 102-104 (page 20, lines 5-7). Accordingly, the Applicants do not believe that any new matter has been added.

Request for Transfer of C.R.F. from Parent Application and Statement with Respect to
Attached Paper Copy of Sequence Listing

The paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed herewith for this application is identical to the paper copy and the computer readable Sequence Listing filed on February 19, 2002 in the present application's parent: U.S. Application No. 10/076,406.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.821 (e), please use the computer readable form (CRF) filed on February 19, 2002 in the parent application as the computer readable form for the present application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the instant application.

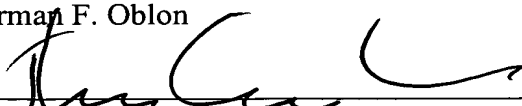
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CONCLUSION

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, the Applicants respectfully request an early examination on the merits.

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